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Host of the Australian Open in 2009 and 2010 : Host of the Victorian Open 2011 - 2022

Dates to remember

May

- 2 Open 2x2 Pairs
- 4-7 State Weekend Pennant Championships Moama
- 7 Winter Ladies 4's
- 9 Open 2x2 Pairs
- 11-14 BV Novice State Carnival
- 15 Winter Ladies 4's
- 17 Open 2x2 Pairs
- 20-26 BV 60 & Over Carnival
- 22 Club AGM 6.30pm

Congratulations

Congratulations to Heath Matthews who was named 'Club Person of the Year' at Presentation Night on Wednesday 24th April. A quiet worker who happily volunteers where needed, he has been especially helpful to Chris Meek when restocking the bar while Chris has had a bad knee. Thank you Heath for all you do for our club.



Life Memberships

At Presentation Night two members were conferred with Life Membership, the highest honour awarded to members of our club.

Bev Cahill - started her bowling career in 1978 at Stanhope, moved to Shepparton Bowling Club in 1984 which merged with Kialla Park to become Shepparton Park in 2004. Bev has had a distinguished bowling career winning, amongst other things, 12 club titles, skipped and won 7 Midweek Pennant Finals, Regional Pennant and 1 State Pennant title, Aust Open triples in 2012, Vic Open Pairs 2017 and Triples 2018.

Apart from her bowling contribution Bev served on GV Match Committee for 7 years, Club Lady President, Booking Officer, Midweek Selection, Match Committee, Tournament Committee, catering and has run Ladies Winter 4's for 12 years.



Wes Gibbs started his bowling career at Violet Town then joined Shepparton Bowling Club which became Shepparton Park Bowls Club. Wes has been involved in administration of this club since the beginning, he was a Team Manager, Social Committee member, a member of Weekend Selection Committee and chair of Weekend Selection, Tournament Committee, Greens Committee and Greens Director since 2021, Deputy Chairman from 2014-2017, Chairman from 2017-2021. Wes spends many, many hours at the club working on the greens, in conjunction with his team and under Shane's guidance, our greens look great.

Wes has also won many club titles, Men's Pairs in 2008/09, Mixed Canadian Pairs 2017/18, Men's Drawn Triples 2018/19 & 19/20. Member of Div 2 premiers team 2016/17 and Midweek Div 3 premiers 2022/23. Both very deserving recipients of this award.



State Games

Well done to our members representing the Region at State Champions Week in Bendigo, Kate Bush and Bree Warren (sub for Di Hands) got through to the Semi Final of the Ladies Pairs, Well done! Congratulations to Sue Tyson, Kerri Leask and Jenni Hill along with Jenny O'Connor (Numurkah) who won the Ladies Fours and will now represent Victoria at the National Championship at Broadbeach in October, **Fantastic!**

Bowls Committee – Chairperson Sandra

I would like to start by congratulating Sue, Tyson, Jenni Hill, Kerri Leask and Jennifer O'Connor (from Murray League) on winning the Ladies State Fours at Bendigo. The live streamed final was a great game to watch. The girls will now represent Victoria at the National Championships in Broadbeach on the 23rd of October this year. What a great achievement and honour for the girls.

After contacting all of last season's Midweek players we have 58 defirites and 8 emergencies. We need 60 players each week. A couple of members are yet to indicate if they will play. I am very pleased to report that Joy Gardam has agreed to nominate for Lady Director. Joy will do a great job.

A very successful Good Friday Mixed Pairs tournament was held for the first time this year and I am sure this event will grow. Our Ladies Triples tournament was held on the 10th of April with 16 teams entered. Brian Hall, Rob Gardam and Rob Pilcher did a great job in the kitchen which allowed Marie and Annette to play. Cathy suggested we try a Ladies Pairs Tournament instead of a Fours next October. It is worth trying something new. We need to increase our Entry Fee to \$25 in line with most other clubs. Hilltop charged \$30 for their recent Ladies Triples Tournament.

As this is my final Report I would like to thank all Board members for making my time on the Board enjoyable. You all work hard for our Club and Shepparton Park is lucky to have members like you all who take on positions and do them well. It has been a pleasure holding the Lady Director position for 4 years. I thank Paul for his 6 years as Male Director. He has been a good support and done a great job.

Bowls Committee – Deputy Chairperson Paul

Thank you Sandra for doing a great job as Bowls Director and ladies Bowls Director. Congratulations to the Ladies fours on their State Title win.

I have done some research on Saturday pennant, some people have blamed selection for our lack of success this season however it was a very difficult job on selection when there were so many players unavailable each week, over the season in Div 1 5 unavailable, Div 2 37 players, 9 unavailable, Div 3 42 players 11 unavailable, Div 4 48 players, 62 unavailable, Div 6 32 players, 22 unavailable. Hopefully next season we will have more continuity. I wish our incoming Bowls Director Graeme Myers all the best.

Greens – Wes

Both grass greens are in good condition going into the Winter months. Hopefully, we will be able to continue playing on them for some time yet.

I would like to look into obtaining a quote for the shades on the western side of the Members Green as it is awkward and dangerous closing and opening them at the moment.

Thanks to all who contribute to keeping the greens and surrounds in such good condition.

Membership – Leonie

I have decided to stay on as membership Director for another year. Denis Smyth has agreed to come aboard as a recruitment officer as he knows players from other clubs, he did this role at a football club for many years. He will work with myself and our coach Paul Nichols and incoming Bowls director Graeme Myers. We need to promote that we are a community club and that we expect people to contribute off the green. We offer ½ price membership and a free shirt to those coming from other clubs. We do have the rule of no free shirt if it is only 5 years since someone has been a member.

Thank you

Kelvin would like to thank our retiring Board members Paul Becroft, Marg Thorne and Sandra Wallace for their years of contribution to our club, it has been a pleasure working with you.

Winter Friday Mixed Triples.

Marg Stibbard is prepared to get this competition up and running again commencing in early May, starting at 10.30am consisting of 2 games with soup & hot dog lunch, please contact Marg Ph 0488595210 if you are interested in playing.

Club AGM

Our Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 22nd May at 6.30pm, this will be a short meeting to present annual reports including the Chairman's Report and Treasurer's Report. Election of Board Members and Managers will also take place, nomination forms are available at the club. Please note the Treasurer and Male Bowls Director are not up for election this year, these positions will be ratified by the Board.

Bowls Committee AGM

Held on Wednesday 24th April with 61 members present and many volunteers to take on roles within the club, thank you all. Elections were held for both Midweek and Weekend selection Committees, the results as follows:

Midweek Selection - Wendy Holland, Bev Cahill, David Gullick, Sandra Wallace and Marg Thorne,
Emergencies Annette Barkley & Ian McLean.

Weekend Selection - Heath Matthews, Alan Davis,
Brian Hall, Graeme Myers and Keith Dudley.
Emergencies Phillip McCann & Glen Edwards.

Please note Paul Nichols, as Coach, will sit on both selection committees and will have a vote.
Annette Barkley will be Bowls Committee Secretary

Tournament Committee is Wes Gibbs, Cathy Dudley, Vicki Whebell and Jim Shanahan.

Match Committee is Leonie Freeman, Wendy Holland, Bev Cahill, Jim Shanahan & David Slingo.

60 & Over Ladies is Moira Smith

Greens/Grounds - Graeme Sinclair, Keith Dudley, Alan Davis, Garry Hawking, Dennis Beck, Vince page, Bill Probst, Lynton Burkitt, Richard Hansen & Ron Bartley.
Rose Carpet Cleaning - Richard Hansen & team.

Social Committee - Joy Gardam, Sandra Wallace & Rene Britz.

Tuesday Winter Bowls - Bev Cahill

Friday Winter Bowls - Marg Stibbard

Thursday pairs Committee - Sue Tyson, Peter Fraser, Phillip McCann & Brian Hall.

Wednesday Night Social Bowls - Sandra Winch, Rene Britz & Leonie Freeman.

Booking Officer - Bev Cahill

Publicity - Jeff Boyle.

Welfare - Joy Gardam.

We are still in need of people to take on roles in the catering committee, please contact Marg Thorne Ph 0419554784 if you have any questions or are able to help.

Some photos from Presentation Night



Safe Travels to all those going away for the Winter